

# Annual General Meeting

25 June 2011

## Meeting Schedule

25 June 2011 ~ Main Building

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| 10.00am | <b>Annual General Meeting</b><br>Welcome<br>Apologies<br>Reports<br>General Business<br>Election of Council<br>Prayer |
| 10.45am | <b>Morning Tea</b>  |
| 11.00am | <b>Bible Exposition</b><br>Martin Williams  |
| 12.00pm | <b>Shared Lunch</b>   |
| 1.30pm  | <b>Leaders Activities Training</b>  |

# Chairman's Report

As we review this last year's activities it reminds us again of the faithfulness of God.

The spring and summer term camps (especially the school camps) showed a fall off in numbers as the teachers 'work to rule' strike meant that activities outside of normal school hours were curtailed. This meant that the growing use of the camp-site through the week dropped off. Pleasingly there was a change in this situation as school bookings returned and the growing use of the camp-site by schools began to return.

Our CYC camps showed good numbers throughout which meant that good numbers of young people came under the sound of the Gospel throughout our camping programme.

The council appreciate the willingness of so many folk to give their time to support the camps by way of coming as leaders, speakers, cooks, etc. Christian camping is becoming well known as a very effective means of evangelism and its very pleasing and encouraging to see the support the Christian Camping receives. We at CYC council don't underestimate the value of this support here at Waihola and the various other sites where CYC camps take place.

Over the year the CYC council have sought to implement various ways to support our camping programme. One such programme that has received very good support is the sponsorship of children to our camps. Also the willingness of folk to support the work has been a great encouragement to us on Council, when a call was made for new life jackets the support was such that our staff were able to replace all the old life-jackets with new better quality and better fitting ones.

One other project that we are faced with in the very near future is the upgrade of the kitchen facilities at the main hall. This has involved considerable planning by the committee and at this stage no final decisions on plans, layout, etc. have been made, as its still a work in progress. We envisage considerable cost being involved because of the need for new appliances and also the need to meet new government regulations. It is our hope as a committee we can come up with a plan and layout that will produce a very good facility at a minimum cost.

Finally I would like to mention this year's family camp, one of the largest we have hosted for some years and by all reports well received by those attending. Its pleasing to us to see our camping programme is helping in not only the spiritual development of our young people, but also within Christian families. It is our aim to continue such programs and to further develop and build on them where there is a need.

In closing, just a word of thanks to all those of you who support the work of CYC here in the south, whether it be financially or in prayer. We realize that it is not just one person's work, it is a team effect and I encourage everyone to continue in prayer for the work – that much eternal good may result from the efforts of our staff and our volunteers.

May God continue to bless both the work here at CYC and all of you who so generously support CYC.

Mervyn Marshall - Chairman



flying fox



# Family Camp Report



Campers at this year's CYC Family Camp were blessed with a great time of Christian fellowship and encouragement in God's Word. Over 120 people gathered at the camp and were fed by the three speakers with two talks morning and evening. Ross Brightwell from Melbourne, who stood in at late notice because the original speaker was unable to come due to the Christchurch earthquake, spoke from Zechariah and did a couple of talks from the Psalms. Stuart Johnson spoke from Philippians and Richard Worth did several interesting talks looking at the American Great Awakening.

While being amply fed spiritually a big thanks goes to Joanne Bullin and helpers Jean and Julie who more than adequately looked after our nutritional needs from the kitchen.

Thanks go to Alf Bradfield for leading the family worship time and Quinten Copland with the other keen musicians for looking after the music. It was encouraging to see the large number of children and thanks goes to Iain Sutherland for running an excellent children's programme and Bill Boyes for leading the junior teen's programme.

The Lord blessed us with safety and glorious weather and thank Him for His amazing love and faithfulness. A big thank-you to all who helped and contributed to the organization and running of the camp. It was a valuable time of learning, encouraging and equipping of God's people.

Russell Harrex - Council Member

## Book Ministry Report

The book room seems to have dwindled in popularity over recent years. With the uptake of people buying their own books online and with maybe a trend away from buying books at all. The only time the book room seems busy is at family camp each year.

By reviewing books in the quarterly newsletter and on our website we are now moving towards reviewing rather than selling good reformed theologically sound books. Martin Williams continues to be a great reviewer of which books are good and which books are a waste of time.

The high cost of buying books in New Zealand means it is often cheaper to buy books overseas which can inflate the end selling price of the book when we need to add GST and postage to the price. When we have bought books we only buy them during exceptional deals on overseas websites to make it worth our while to sell them here - however seldom do we even then cover costs within the book ministry.

Children's books are given away at kids camps as cabin prizes but seldom will a child buy a book anymore as has been the case in the past.

I invite you to check out our website for book reviews and purchase your books online from stores such as Amazon buy clicking through our website. When books are bought through our website from Amazon CYC gets a rebate to spend on children's books for our kids camps.

Tim Wiel - Camping and Promotions Coordinator



# Executive Officer's Report



Our facility is getting more popular than ever with seventeen ministry camps in the last calendar year. This level of interest in part is due to services of our freelance graphic designer producing our stylised branding (including a new logo). Along with this she also produces an amazing eye-catching calendar for us each year. Attracting volunteer staff, maintaining our facility to a compliant standard and operating at industry best practices within the 'outdoor sector' continues to present new challenges but is hugely rewarding. Only through the Lords enabling with committed support from the Christian community does this ministry remain viable. So a huge thank you to all who have laboured with us over this past year as it has truly been a privilege to partner with you in this ministry.

With Council changing my role to Executive Officer my involvement has been reduced in the management of the camping programme and thereby allowing more focus on administrative oversight, facility and property issues. Some of you will be wondering what else is there to do other than the camping program? To answer that I have listed an overview of the things that come into my orbit this past year.

This has included:

- administrative financial responsibility each month
- discussions with our solicitor on what our position should be and the impacts of several recent legal requirements
- created a summary document regarding a recent 'bunk bed' standard, that subsequently was circulated amongst CCNZ camps nationwide.
- drafted comments for the consultation papers on 'OSCAR' and 'outdoor's sector' amendment bills being presented to parliament's select committees
- liaising with the Skills Active ITO over training and assessor development, exploring the possibility of providing unit standards at our training camps
- continuing involvement with CCNZ at board level
- provided consultancy work for feasibility and establishment design of a proposed camp in East Auckland
- investigated kitchen up-grade plans & trailer designs for Strategic Planning Committee
- hosted CCNZ staff on regional visit based at CYC
- liaised with various organisations including Waihola Yacht Club officials regarding coordinating school groups.



Additional building, farm and equipment maintenance issues take up a significant amount of time with surprises along the way like the sewer shed pump renewal; installing a donated phone system; installing our new entry signage; flood damage and remedial repairs to access tracks and drainage systems. On the farm side of things we now rear more calves, graze more horses and partner with running a Saturday morning 'Learn to Ride club'. This has led to the donation of a kit set shed for tack and wet weather shelter - which is awaiting erection. Community workers continue to be utilised that require supervision clearing tracks and odd jobbing. I still keep my hand in with the camping programme by directing the Snow Camp, facilitating Family Camp on behalf of the committee and filling in where needed due to staffing shortages affecting the CYC camping programme.





I came across a research paper recently from a PhD student at Wheaton College (Illinois, USA) that states 'Many Christians report significant times of spiritual growth through their experiences at camp. Especially important was the value of seeing the Christian faith modelled by mature men and women in the context of life together in Christian community. Other significant findings about the factors which contributed to spiritual growth included the outdoor environment, facing challenges from within a safe place, and the removal of the distractions provided by the opposite gender'. Isn't it encouraging that research confirms the ministry of Christian Camping as relevant and effective to this generation. Significance not success is what is of value.



Thanks again to all those that have been involved and supporting the CYC ministry one way or another. We trust that you had fantastic and memorable involvement in keeping the Gospel before the young folk of our region through lifestyle evangelism.

Grant Bullin - Executive Officer

*The Lord is my strength and my song; he has given me victory. This is my God, and I will praise him—my father's God, and I will exalt him! - Exodus 15:2*

## Buildings and Facility Report

Over this past year volunteerism has also helped in the maintenance and development of the buildings and grounds here at CYC. The addition of a ridge cap on the main building and the finishing of the verandah roof at the homestead were two key waterproofing jobs finished. New roadside signs also now allow people to know where the camp actually is!!!

We appreciate those that have contributed to this key area, as it ensures that our buildings will last well into the future. There is a real need for more people to take up the challenge as well.

Tim Wiel - Camping and Promotions Coordinator

# WINTER CAMPS

CAMP	SCHOOL YEAR	DATE	PRICE
Snow Camp	Co-Ed Yr 8 - 11	18 - 21 Jul	\$450
Art Camp	Girls Yr 8 - 11	18 - 22 Jul	\$165
Winter Boys Camp	Boys Yr 5 - 8	18 - 22 Jul	\$125
Farm Camp	Boys Yr 9 - 13	25 - 29 Jul	\$165
Winter Girls Camp	Girls Yr 5 - 8	25 - 29 Jul	\$125

All activities will be under competent supervision, and may include: canoeing, horse riding, go-carting, crafts, archery, flying fox, etc. Each day there will be a time of Bible teaching presented at the campers level.

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# Camping and Promotions Coordinator's Report

17 camps with 315 campers and 141 staff have made for a really busy 12 months since our last AGM. God has been incredibly gracious to us over the year and His hand in everything we do at camp is evident as we look back in retrospect. Things can get pretty hectic and stressful – such as lack of leaders for camps sometimes just days before camp is due to start or maybe the camp leadership coming down with sickness or perhaps an injury to a camper. However throughout it all we have the Lord working with us and that is an amazing thing. I need to remind myself in the midst of the chaos that God is in our work and the peace of mind that comes with that knowledge is wonderful.

It has been encouraging to have so many people work alongside us here at the camp this year. We have seen quite a few new faces in leadership at the camp which is excellent and is increasing our leadership pool. I have been out and about in churches, schools and social agencies promoting our kids camps, the facilities and our ministry here at CYC. So often I hear people say, 'I never knew you guys existed!' This only strengthens my resolve to get out more and promote the camp further.

The message of salvation is a powerful message that saves lives and we have the privilege of sharing it with people coming through our doors at the camp. Our speakers at camps this year have been used by the Holy Spirit to present exceptional material in evangelism to the young people. We can only pray that the Holy Spirit continues to work in these young people's lives to transform them and cause them to come to know the Lord.

CYC Waihola is the only camp in New Zealand that provides so many different outreach camps for such a wide and varied age range. From our junior camps through to our special interest camps we are becoming increasingly popular with the campers that attend. Please pray that we continue to be relevant to young people and continue to reach them with the Word of the Lord.



sailing at the lake

I really want to thank wholeheartedly the leaders, cooks, speakers, directors and those who battle in prayer for us. It is the volunteer support that enables our kids camps to operate. CYC Waihola runs 16 – 17 kids camps a year and only employs 2 permanent staff yet some other camps in New Zealand employ many more staff and only run 4 or so camps a year! That's the volunteer factor right there!!!!

Through the inevitable difficulties ahead such as our camps operating in an increasingly secular society where Christianity is viewed as a 'silly fable' and increasing government regulations restricting what we can and cannot do we need to put all our reliance on the One who cannot fail us and if it is His will, the camp will continue long after we are gone.

Tim Wiel - Camping and Promotions Coordinator



roasting marshmallows

*The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. - 1 Corinthians 1:18*



# Pledge for Donations 2011



Dear Friend,

Would you consider partnering in the ministry of Christian camping with us.

**Please tick all that apply:**

- I would like to make a one off / annual donation of:

\$.....

- I would like to start a regular donation for general operational costs of:

\$..... per week / fortnight / month

- I would like to sponsor a camper to attend a kids camps.

Select this if you would like to tag your donation towards sponsorship of kids not able to afford to come to camps and to go towards the costs of running kids camps such as getting speakers and activities.

\$..... per week / fortnight / month

- I would like to receive newsletters and prayer updates by email

My email address is:.....

Amount Enclosed \$.....

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**Donation Information:**

- All donations are tax deductible and a receipt will be send to you at the end of the financial year.
- Our GST number is 13 646 686 and our Charities Commission number is CC25364
- For anonymous donations please consider giving through IRD's payroll system - more details can be found at the website: <http://tinyurl.com/4xh5la5>

**Payment Options:**

- By internet banking to Westpac Bank Account #03 0905 0937076 00. Please put your name and donation as a reference.
- By cheque made out to Christian Youth Camps (Waiholo) Inc. and place a note on the back indicating it is for a donation.





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